(d) whether Government propose to cancel the license given to these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) All the Basic Private Service Operators (BPSOs), who were issued license in 1997, have migrated to Unified Access Service License (UASL) in November 2003. According to the guidelines of UASL, there is no requirement of mandatory coverage of rural areas under the migrated UASL license.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Projects for development of NER

1248. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development for North Eastern Region sanctioned by Government during the last three years, project-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the above mentioned project in NER; and

(c) the details of target date of completion of the said projects indicating the total amount spent so far on each project?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The details of development projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region under the scheme of Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources (NLCPR) during last three years including their names, cost approved for each project, target date of completion along with the amount released by the Government of India and utilizion reported by the State Governments so far are given in Annexure *[See* appendix 211 Annexure No. 2]. Details of projects funded by the North East Council are being collected.

Adoption of green technologies

1249. SHRIMATI SHOBHNA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government took its first steps towards aligning India with the goal of sustainable development which would include adoption of green technologies to meet the challenge of climate change by acknowledging that global warming had serious India-specific implication;

(b) whether Government agreed that India needed to chart out a roadmap for itself in the light of the report of the Inter-Government Panel -on Climate Change which made it evident that effects of global warming had already arrived; and

(c) if so, what are the concrete measures and the steps Government are considering in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir. Our development plans while targetting an accelerated economic growth, are guided by the principles of sustainable development with a commitment to a cleaner and greener environment.

The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change recognises that as the developing countries grow, their emissions are bound to increase. Although India as a developing country does not have any mitigation commitments, nevertheless, we are following a sustainable development path through range of policies and programmes to mitigate climate change, some of which are:

(I) ensuring energy conservation and improved energy efficiency in various sectors as well as setting up of Bureau of Energy Efficiency

(II) promoting use of renewable energy

(III) power sector reforms and active renewable energy programme

(IV) use of cleaner and lesser carbon intensive fuel for transport

(V) fuel switching to encourage cleaner energy

(VI) afforestation and conservation of forests

(VII) promotion of clean coal technologies

(VIII) reduction of gas flaring

(IX) encouraging Mass Rapid Transport systems

(X) environmental quality management for all sectors

(b) and (c) The Government has set up "Expert Committee on Impacts of Climate Change". The Terms of Reference of the Committee are to study the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India and to identify the measures that we may have to take in the future in relation to addressing vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impacts and any other matter relevant to these.

Municipal solid waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2006

1250. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had notified the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules in September, 2000 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(b) if so, the salient features of these rules,

(c) whether Government have any information about the implementation of these rules by various State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?